GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2425
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ENCROACHMENTS ON NHS
Yadav Shri Hukamdeo Narayan

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether no permanent construction is permissible within fifty feet range alongside the national highways as per the rules and if so, the details thereof:

(b) The names of highways in respect of which complaints have been received regarding encroachments on its land and the steps taken by the Government to remove and check encroachments:

(c) Whether a large number of objects are scattered over the Green Belt of Western-Eastern highways from Lucknow to Gorakhpur and if so, the details thereof:

(d) Whether Green Belt is used as gazing land for livestocks due to which accident are taking place frequently and if so, the details thereof: and

(e) The names of persons who are responsible for unauthorized construction of shops, houses and religious places by encroachments along with the reasons for not stopping the construction works.

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) No permanent construction is permissible within Right of Way (ROW) of the National Highways. As per guidelines of the Ministry, State Governments are to enact necessary legislation for not to permit permanent construction up to the building line, which is 40 meter from centerline for National Highways.

(b) Encroachments within ROW of National Highways are removed as and when complaints are received or noticed by the Highway Authorities, which is a continuous process.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) No, Madam.

(e) As per (Land and Traffic) Act, 2002, Highway Administrations are responsible for removal of encroachments within the ROW.